

  
OKEHAMPTON RURAL DISTRICT

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Medical Officer of Health**

FOR THE

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965**



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## PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The following members of the Council served on the Public Health and Housing Committee during the year:

*Chairman:* Mr. E. G. T. LOWE

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I should wish first of all to pay a tribute to the late Dr. E. D. Allen-Price, who was your Medical Officer of Health for over 30 years, but who died early in 1966.

Dr. Allen-Price will be long remembered for his Cancer Research work in West Devon, for which he was known nationally and internationally, and his publications were frequently quoted in medical journals. It is sad that his final research results were unpublished at the time of his death. His keen and enquiring mind however had also engaged in other researches, notable among them being the disease of poliomyelitis. He was perhaps, the first, certainly I believe in this country, to realise the *enteric* mode of spread, and published a paper emphasising this in 1952 (in the "Journal of the Royal Sanitary Institute" entitled "The Incidence of Poliomyelitis in West Devon During the Past 15 Years"), in which he put forward this theory. Without doubt he was a noteworthy and outstanding Medical Officer of Health, who always put the health of the community under his care first and foremost, without fear or favour.

I now beg to submit my, necessarily brief, Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1965, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

SECTION "A"

General Statistics

Area (Statute acres)	...	...	...	...	132,516
Population – 1951 Census	...	...	...	...	12,629
Population – 1961 Census	...	...	...	...	11,994
Estimated mid-year population – 1965	...	...	...	...	11,470
Parishes	...	...	...	...	27
Number of inhabited dwellings	...	...	...	...	3,957
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£231,092
Product of the Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£895
Loan Debt	...	...	...	...	£711,168

Vital Statistics

LIVE BIRTHS			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	83	71	= 154
Illegitimate	...	...	3	4	= 7
					<u>161</u>
DEATHS	...	...	87	76	= 163

POPULATION

Year	Mid-year Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate
1961	11,280	15.6	14.0
1962	11,270	16.4	15.3
1963	11,270	15.8	15.0
1964	11,470	16.3	12.5
1965	11,470	14.0	14.2

LIVE BIRTHS

			England and Wales
Number	...	161	
Rate per 1,000 population	...	14.0	18.0
Corrected Birth Rate	...	18.0	
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of total births)	...	4.3%	

					<i>England and Wales</i>			
STILLBIRTHS								
Number	...	...	...	...	2			
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-					12.3	15.7		
births	...	...	...	...				
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	...				163			
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one					Nil			
year)	...	...	...	...				
INFANT MORTALITY RATES								
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total					—	19.0		
live births	...	...	...	...				
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000					—			
legitimate live births	...	...	...	...				
Illegitimate infant deaths per					—			
1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...				
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE								
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000					—			
total live births)	...	...	...	...				
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE								
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000					—			
total live births)	...	...	...	...				
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE								
(still births and deaths under 1					12.3			
week combined per 1,000 total								
live and still births)	...	...	...	...				
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including								
abortion)					Nil			
Number of deaths...	...	...	...	...				
Rate per 1,000 total live and still					—			
births	...	...	...	...				
DEATHS								
Number of deaths...	...	...	...	...	163			
Crude death rate per 1,000 popu-					14.2	11.5		
lation	...	...	...	...				
Corrected death rate	...	...	...	...	11.5			
The chief causes of death were as follows:								
Tuberculosis respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Vascular diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Coronary disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other heart diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ulcers of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Homicide and operations of man	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1



AGE AT DEATH TABLE							Male	Female	
Age at Death									
under 4 weeks		...	...	...	...	...	—	—	
4 weeks and under 1 year		...	...	...	...	...	—	—	
1—	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	
5—	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	
15—	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	
25—	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	
35—	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	
45—	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	3	
55—	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	8	
65—	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	20	
75 and over		...	...	...	...	...	32	45	
TOTAL							...	87	76

## SECTION “B”

### General Provision of Health Services

#### Devon County Council Clinic

During the year the new Devon County Council Clinic was completed, in the grounds of the Memorial Hospital, Okehampton, serving the urban and rural areas.

There was no other change in the general provision of health service during the year with the exception of new arrangements for the Mass Radiography Unit.

#### Ambulances

The St. John Ambulance Brigade maintains a twenty-four hour cover for the whole district, under delegated powers from the Local County Health Authority.

#### Welfare Foods

Welfare Foods are distributed to the members of the general public by the Women’s Voluntary Services.

#### Mass Radiography Unit

There were no visits to outlying specific areas, but instead the Unit is now stationed for an hour, once a fortnight, centrally in Okehampton, thus providing a more continuous service for the whole area.

Three hundred and forty-three persons attended and no active cases of tuberculosis were found. The following abnormalities were detected:

Tuberculosis Healed	...	...	...	8
Acquired Cardio Vascular Disease	...	...	...	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	2
Non significant Abnormalities	...	...	...	3
Being investigated	...	...	...	1
TOTAL				17

#### Maternity Accommodation

During the year, ninety-four babies were born in the Okehampton War Memorial Hospital:

Okehampton Rural	...	...	...	53
Okehampton Borough	...	...	...	36
Other Districts	...	...	...	5

Thirty-three per cent of the births registered to the Okehampton Rural District took place in the Okehampton War Memorial Hospital,

## SECTION "C"

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

#### Water Supply

Mr. Young of the North Devon Water Board, has supplied the following information on his Board's progress during the year:

"The water for this area is obtained from the Board's intake on the West Okement River, with treatment at the Prewley Works, and also from the underground sources at Taw Marsh with treatment at Belstone Works.

Satisfactory samples have been obtained from both sources throughout the year, and supplies have been maintained at all times.

A number of main extensions have been carried out to supply the housing development which has taken place during the year."

*(a table relating to the water supplies in each of the district's twenty-seven parishes, will be found attached to the inner back cover of this Report.)*

#### Analysis of Water Supplies Public and Private

The following samples were taken by your Inspectors during the year:

	<i>No. of</i>		
	<i>Samples</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Failed</i>
Bacteriological examination of water	17	7	10

When considering applications for Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, the Council made a condition that the water supply of each property, not on Public Mains, was to be proved bacteriologically sound by the Public Health Department before applications would be proceeded with. In this connection seven samples were obtained from four properties, in one case analysis was satisfactory, in another remedial works produced a satisfactory sample after three were taken, in another, remedial measures resulted in a satisfactory sample upon resampling, and in the last case works were in hand to enable a further sample to be obtained.

Of ten samples taken from six other properties in the district for various reasons, four passed and six failed. Of these, three samples from one property produced a satisfactory result after cleaning out of the well, satisfactory samples were obtained at the first attempt from two other properties, and advice given to the owners of three other properties was being acted upon.

#### Sewerage and Drainage

1. Towns, villages and hamlets in the Rural District for which satisfactory and adequate systems have been provided with dates of completion.

BRATTON CLOVELLY	...	1963	
BRIDESTOWE	...	1938	
CHAGFORD	...	1961	
CROCKERNWELL	...	1954	
DREWSTEIGNTON	...	1965	
EXBOURNE	...	1958	
FOLLY GATE	...	1963	
HATHERLEIGH	...	1963	
MONKKEHAMPTON	...	1955	
NORTHLEW	...	1959	
NORTH TAWTON	...	1962	with re-laying of faulty sewer in 1965
SAMPFORD CHAPPLE	...	1964	
SAMPFORD COURTENAY		1961	further sewer extension carried out in 1965
SANDY PARK	...	1951	
SOURTON	...	1960	
SOURTON DOWN	...	1960	
SOUTH TAWTON AND SOUTH ZEAL	...	1934	with subsequent extensions and additions to disposal works in 1955
STICKLEPATH (SOUTH)		1960	
WHIDDON DOWN	...	1962	



## 2. *Villages with works in progress*

SPREYTON ... .. contract completion date—1st February, 1967.  
(Cost £21,907).

## 3. *Village in respect of which work has not commenced, although scheme prepared, because of Government Policy to defer certain public expenditure.*

MEETH.

## 4. *Villages with main water available for which schemes have been prepared or are in course of preparation*

BELSTONE AND STICKLEPATH (North) *Land.* Planning approval obtained to use of site owned by Council as disposal works.

*Scheme.* Detailed scheme prepared, approved by Devon County Council and River Authority, and submitted to Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Inquiry awaited.

BROADWOODKELLY ... *Scheme.* Scheme is in course of preparation by Chief Public Health Inspector.

HIGHAMPTON ... .. *Scheme.* Report of Engineers accepted and instructions given in October, 1965, for preparation of Scheme.

JACOBSTOWE ... .. *Scheme.* Report of Engineers received but instructions to prepare scheme deferred pending receipt of undertakings.

THROWLEIGH ... .. *Land.* Planning approval obtained to use of sites as pumping station and disposal works, and agreement reached with owners regarding terms and conditions of purchase.

*Scheme.* Scheme approved by Devon County Council and River Authority and submitted to Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval.

## Sewerage (General)

In the early part of the year vandalism was reported at two of the sewerage disposal works in the district. It was referred to the Police and nothing occurred afterwards. Flooding occurred at Hatherleigh after abnormal rainfall in August of this year and it was due to a blockage in the sewer by silt and stones which was quickly cleared. A committee was set up to consider the matter and improvements were undertaken by the Rural District Council and County Council to limit the entry of silt and stones into the sewers. Discussions were also taking place between the two Councils regarding the piping of a watercourse through fields which was taking storm and surface water and discharging into the sewerage system.

## Rodent Control

Continued attention was given to infestations at Council tips and in a minor degree at sewage disposal works, and by varying methods of treatment they were exterminated. During the Spring and Autumn, sewers were treated at Hatherleigh, North Tawton and Spreyton, of one hundred and forty-seven manholes baited, only twelve takes were recorded.

Refuse Collection

A report of the contract for refuse collection was submitted to the Council by the Chief Public Health Inspector but no further extensions were approved. The tender submitted by the Contractor (1966) was £6,250, an increase of £489 over the present year, but it was due to increases beyond the control of the Contractor or Council. This present Contract for three years, expires on 31st December, 1966, and the Council are considering a policy of direct labour with their own vehicles after this date. The policy of the Council in clearing and collecting refuse from laybys on trunk and certain classified roads continues to be successful, and the improved standard of general cleanliness and appearance was very noticeable, although the need for this could be very much reduced if some persons using the roads were more considerate and litter conscious. The Contractor, Mr. J. Cobb, died during the year, but the contract was continued by the Executrix, his wife, Mrs. B. Cobb.

Inspection of the District and Public Health Services

The number of complaints regarding Public Health matters received and dealt with during the year was thirty-five.

The following table sets out the inspections made by your Inspectors during the year:

<i>Type of Premises</i>				<i>Number of Inspections</i>	<i>Number of Intimation Notices Served</i>	<i>Number of Intimation Notices Complied with</i>
Houses Inspected	...	...	...	78	22	16
Reinspections	...	...	...	170	—	—
Premises other than houses men-						
tioned below	...	...	...	56	7	6
Food Premises	...	...	...	187	17	20
Refuse Disposal	...	...	...	178	4	4
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	79	—	—
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	3	—	—
Water Supplies	...	...	...	36	5	5
Sewerage and Drainage	...	...	...	538	8	11
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	9	—	—
Slaughterhouses and Knackers						
Yard	...	...	...	304	4	2
Rodent Control	...	...	...	37	2	1
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	68	3	1
Offices, Shops and Railway						
Premises Act	...	...	...	24	1	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	278	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	2,045	73	70

Factories' Act

Tables relating to these Acts will be found on Pages 16–18.

## SECTION "D"

### Housing

#### Individual Unfit Houses – year ended 31st December, 1965

##### HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

##### 1. Demolition and Closing Orders, Housing Act, 1957

	<i>Number of Persons Houses Displaced</i>	
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal procedure under Section 17 (1) or informally ...	7	1 (Houses vacant for several years)
(b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ...	—	—
(c) Houses, or parts of houses, closed under Section 16 (4) and 18 (1) ...	4	7

##### 2. Repairs

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the year as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing Acts ...  
(Included in this number are 31 houses improved by the aid of Standard Improvement Grants and 2 by Discretionary Improvement Grants)

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### Town and Country Planning

Applications for development under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts, 1947/62, the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, 1960, the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and Council's Building Byelaws have been received over the past twelve months as follows—

Alterations and conversions	...	...	...	...	140
Farm Buildings	...	...	...	...	46
Advertisement signs	...	...	...	...	41
Public Works	...	...	...	...	51
New Dwellings	...	...	...	...	96
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	23
TOTAL					397

Of the above total, 76 applications have been refused.

### Private Enterprise

Private enterprise produced 19 new houses during the year.

### Improvement Grants

The number of applications for Improvement Grants under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949; Section 30 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958; and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Act, 1961 and the Housing Act, 1964, totals 655. Of this total 381 have received approval, 82 have been disapproved, and 192 have been considered in outline and have either been withdrawn, or formal applications are awaited.

### Council Houses in the Rural District

The completion of two single-bedroom bungalows and six three-bedroom houses on the New Road Estate, Folly Gate, has brought the total number of Council Houses in the District to 401.

# COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

<i>Parish</i>			<i>Situation</i>			<i>No. of Dwellings</i>	<i>Total No. in Parish</i>
BEAWORTHY ...	...	...	Black Hill ...	...	...	2	4
			Patchacott ...	...	...	2	
BELSTONE ...	...	...	Tor Down ...	...	...	6	6
BONDLEIGH ...	...	...	Village ...	...	...	4	4
BRATTON CLOVELLY			Beech Cottages ...	...	...	3	3
BRIDESTOWE ...	...	...	Princess Elizabeth Terrace			8	12
			Brid Close ...	...	...	4	
BROADWOODKELLY ...	...	...	The Villas ...	...	...	4	5
			Splatt ...	...	...	1	
CHAGFORD ...	...	...	Dennis Park ...	...	...	33	80
			Biera View ...	...	...	8	
			Orchard Meadow ...	...	...	35	
			New Street ...	...	...	4	
DREWSTEIGNTON ...	...	...	Lamb's Park ...	...	...	4	16
			Knowle Lane ...	...	...	4	
			Turnpike Road, Whiddon Down		...	4	
			Exeter Road, Whiddon Down		...	4	
EXBOURNE ...	...	...	Cawsand View ...	...	...	2	8
			The Shrubbery ...	...	...	6	
GERMANSWEEK ...	...	...	—			—	—
GIDLEIGH ...	...	...	—			—	—
HATHERLEIGH ...	...	...	Moor View Terrace	...	...	12	42
			Higher Street ...	...	...	6	
			Normandy Place ...	...	...	4	
			Claremont Place ...	...	...	20	
HIGHAMPTON ...	...	...	High View ...	...	...	2	2
IDDESLEIGH ...	...	...	Winkleigh View ...	...	...	4	4
INWARDLEIGH ...	...	...	Misdon Cottages, Folly Gate			6	29
			New Road, Folly Gate ...	...	...	23	
JACOBSTOWE ...	...	...	—			—	—
MEETH ...	...	...	Station Road ...	...	...	10	10
MONKROKEHAMPTON ...	...	...	East View ...	...	...	2	2
NORTHLEW WITH ASHBURY ...	...	...	Costloes ...	...	...	4	10
			Moor View ...	...	...	6	
NORTH TAWTON ...	...	...	Barton Hill ...	...	...	16	58
			Fore Street ...	...	...	8	
			Essington – Arundell Road			20	
			Gowmans ...	...	...	14	
OKEHAMPTON HAMLETS ...	...	...	Chichacott ...	...	...	4	6
			Peacewater ...	...	...	2	



<i>Parish</i>			<i>Situation</i>			<i>No. of Dwellings</i>	<i>Total No. in Parish</i>
SAMPFORD			Four Acres	...	...	4	
COURTENAY			Station View	...	...	4	
			Cross Hill, Tongue End			2	
			Queens Haye, Sticklepath			6	16
SOURTON	...	...	Broad View	...	...	4	
			Windard Terrace		...	6	
			Corn Ridge View, Sourton Down	...	...	6	16
SOUTH TAWTON		...	Hill Crest	...	...	8	
			Cross Park, South Zeal	...		10	
			The Croft, South Zeal	...		24	
			Barn Close, Whiddon Down			10	52
SPREYTON	...	...	Cross Meadow	...	...	6	
			Spreyton Close	...	...	4	10
THROWLEIGH		...	Middle Clampitts and Higher Clampitts		...	4	
			Higher Hay	...	...	2	6
			TOTAL	...	...	...	401

## SECTION "E"

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### Food Premises

The number of food premises classified as within the scope of the Food Hygiene Regulations is as follows:

Hotels, Public Houses and Inns	...	...	...	...	50
Schools and other Canteens	...	...	...	...	16
Cafes, Restaurants and Guest Houses	...	...	...	...	22
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	39
Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	12
Bed and Breakfast Premises	...	...	...	...	25
Bakeries	...	...	...	...	9
TOTAL ... ..					173

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is:

Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	46
Preparations or manufacture of sausages or potted or pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale	...					10



**Disposal of Condemned Food**

Similar to last and other year' sarrangements with a firm of manufacturers of bone meal, fertilizers, etc., owners of slaughterhouses disposed of condemned meat which was collected and processed.

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Food Hygiene Regulations)**

During this year attention was directed chiefly to premises found in default in the previous year, hence the reduction in the number of inspections. No conditions were found to warrant special mention and most defects found were remedied by informal action.

**Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-1952**

The manufacture of ice cream on a small scale continued at a premises at Hatherleigh during the summer months. Regular inspections were made of the conditions of manufacture and cleanliness with no cause for complaint.

**Ice Cream**

Three applications for registration of premises for the sale of ice cream were made and approved by the Council.

**Unsound Food**

Three certificates were issued during the year involving 109 lbs. of canned and loose foodstuffs being surrendered for disposal.

**Slaughterhouses**

Annual licences were issued to the owner-occupiers of slaughterhouses at Exbourne, Hatherleigh and South Zeal. Another application for planning approval for erection of an abattoir at Hatherleigh Market was received during the year and the application was being further investigated.

The number of carcasses inspected in the private slaughterhouses of the Rural District was 3,567 the figure being made up as follows:

Bovines	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	392
Calves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,778
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,387
								<hr/> 3,567 <hr/>

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 1 ton, 10 cwts. 27 lbs.

Details of the number of animals killed and inspected and the number of carcasses, parts or organs condemned are set out in the table on page 13.

**Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958**

Nineteen applications were received for licences or renewal of licences to slaughter or stun animals, and in all cases were granted.

**Knackers' Yard**

Frequent inspections were carried out during the year and the premises were generally well maintained.

## CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number killed (if known) ...	373	22	10	12,122	1,680
Number inspected	373	19	10	1,778	1,387
<i>All diseases, except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	1	1	13	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	124	12	—	234	173
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	33.33%	68.42%	1%	13.89%	12.53%
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	25
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	1.8%
<i>Cysticercosis</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condmned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

A Committee considered the possibility of Local Veterinary Surgeons undertaking the inspection of meat killed outside office hours but its report, adopted by the Council, was that the terms for their employment be not accepted, and that because of irregular hours of slaughtering, the Council's officers continue to inspect all meat for local consumption and other meat when possible.

SECTION "F"

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases  
Tuberculosis

One death was recorded from this cause. One new case (Pulmonary) was admitted to the Register.

At the end of the year, sixty-three cases remained on the Register as follows:

<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>	
<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
20	25	11	8

One (female) had pulmonary and non-pulmonary lesions.

Infectious Diseases

DISEASE NOTIFIED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

			<i>Measles</i>		<i>Pneumonia</i>		<i>Meningitis</i>	
			<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Under 1 year	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
1 —	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—
2 —	...	...	3	—	—	—	—	—
3 —	...	...	2	4	—	—	—	—
4 —	...	...	2	2	—	—	—	—
5 — 9	...	...	18	15	—	—	—	—
10 — 14	...	...	6	5	—	—	—	—
15 — 24	...	...	1	—	—	1	—	1
25 +	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
			33	27	1	1	—	1

DISEASES NOTIFIED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

		<i>Mumps</i>	<i>Impetigo</i>	<i>Measles</i>
South Tawton	...	13	—	—
Sticklepath	...	16	—	—
Exbourne	...	2	1	—
Spreyton	...	—	—	22
TOTAL		31	1	22

In conclusion I would thank the Chairman and Council for their consideration at this rather difficult time, and Mr. Lethbridge in particular for his ready and able assistance and in his compilation of the main body of Sections "C", "D" and "E" of this Report.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

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**Factories’ Acts, 1961**

**1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH**  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspection</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	36	54	6	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers’ premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	36	54	6	—



2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness ...	—	—	1	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	5	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including out-work) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	11	5	1	2	—

3. OUT WORK (Sections 133 and 134).

<i>Nature of Work</i>	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	<i>Number of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)</i>	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council</i>	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)      ...	2	—	—	—	—	—







OKEHAMPTON RURAL DISTRICT WATER SUPPLIES

PARISH	Whether the water supply of the area and its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity	Where there is a piped supply, whether bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water and, where treatment is installed, of the water going into supply: if so, how many and the results obtained; the results of any chemical analyses	Where the waters are liable to have plumbosolvent action, the facts as to contamination by lead, including precautions taken and number and results of analyses	Action in respect of any form of contamination	Particulars of the number of dwelling houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains: (a) direct to the houses; (b) by means of standpipes		
					No. of Dwellinghouses		
					Main	Standpipe	Main
ASHBURY with NORTHLEW	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 sample taken – satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	167	—	501
BEAWORTHY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	44	—	132
BELSTONE ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	95	—	285
BONDLEIGH...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	35	—	105
BRATTON CLOVELLY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	91	—	273
BRIDESTOWE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 Sample taken – Satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	141	—	423
BROADWOOD KELLY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	51	—	153
CHAGFORD ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 2 Samples taken – Satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	408	—	1,224
DREWS-TEIGNTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 Sample taken – Satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	139	—	417
EXBOURNE ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	106	—	318
GERMAN'S-WEEK	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	29	—	87
GIDLEIGH ...	(a) Un-satisfactory (b) Doubtful	No piped supply Private supply only	Nil	Nil	1 1	— —	3 3
HATHERLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	343	—	1,029
HIGHAMPTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	49	—	147
IDDESLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	53	—	159
INWARDLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	106	—	318
JACOBSTOWE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	24	—	72
MEETH ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	36	—	108
MONK-OKEHAMPTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	43	—	129
NORTH TAWTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 Sample taken – Satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	426	—	1,278
OKEHAMPTON HAMLETS	(a) Un-satisfactory (b) Un-satisfactory	No piped supply Private wells only	In the past	None	20	—	60
SAMPFORD COURTENAY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	148	—	444
SOURTON ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	94	—	282
SOUTH TAWTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 Sample taken – Satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	345	—	1,035
SPREYTON ...	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	86	—	258
THROWLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply No analysis	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	53	—	159

Samples were taken from the sources of supply as follows:

BELSTONE: 26 samples taken – Satisfactory

WEST OKEMENT: 49 samples taken – Satisfactory







